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Can the EPA designate a site a superfund area without support from a community?

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

4)I'm also wondering if the type of mining pollution that was created by this particular mine is common with all mines.

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5)Earth Work Action tells me that the price to clean up these sites has been estimated by the EPA at \$50 billion, and there is no steady funding source, leaving the EPA, states and local governments to cobble together resources for clean-up. Is

that true?

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6)The advocacy group also claims that 40% of the streams in the headwaters of western watersheds have been polluted by hardrock mining. Is that true? Is there more context needed here? Is there some amount of pollution that's allowable ie safe?

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